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Mr. Charles J. V. Murphy

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Dear Charlie:

Many thanks for your note of May 23
with its enclosure with regard to the proposal
for the book which we have been discussing together.

I am taking your notes with me as I
leave tomorrow for a brief trip to Europe and
shall be in touch with you upon my return.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
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My dear Allen:

Attached is a proposed outline for the book under consideration. It is necessarily crude. One can't very well draw an outline without having a pretty good idea of what is to go into the book.

The power and strength of the book will necessarily derive from the volume of specific detail and incident that can be packed into it. There must be, for the reader, a constant sense of witnessing actual happenings being produced by a visible adversary.

The more of this sort of thing there is, the more important the book will be. This can be done, in my judgment, without in any way detracting from its authority. Whereas J. Edgar Hoover in Masters of Deceit had to deal with comparatively minor figures, you will have wreckers of nations on your stage. Detail is necessary for another reason. It should make the book important in the foreign market, and I, for one, would be disappointed if it did not have a sale in every country on its own merits.

Please let me know how these ideas sit with you. I would be honored to give you a hand, however palsied, and, indeed, would look upon the collaboration as a duty.

In all esteem,



Charles J.V. Murphy